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1. In 1944, the USSR made meager deliveries of cotton to the Rumanian cotton plants. The entire production of the Rumanian factories was sent to the Soviet army. During the period 1945-1948, 40 percent of the cotton products were sent to the USSR. The goods were shipped directly from the factories to the USSR. After 1948, delivery to the USSR was made by the Rumanian government, the production of thread being stocked in warehouses.
2. The difficulties met by the USSR in providing raw cotton forced them to impose upon Rumania a five year plan for the growing of cotton. At the end of five years, Rumania was to be self sufficient from this point of view. The USSR decided to cease completely raw cotton deliveries after 1955. The five year plan started in 1950. The cultivation of cotton progressed and has reached a total surface of 320,000 hectares. The cotton fields extend along the Danube River from Calafat to the Delta. The average output is 1,000 kilograms per hectare. The five year plan can be considered a success for Rumania now meets her minimum needs.
3. Present production amounts to three kilograms of cotton per person per year which, compared to Western countries, especially France, is small.

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the five year plan was fulfilled according to its provisions. 25X1

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